

REMARKS

In response to the one-month Office action of May 15, 2006, applicant submits a revised "Amendments to the Claims" section of applicant's amendment filed on February 6, 2006 in response to the non-final Office action of September 7, 2005. Claims 1-11, 14, 15, 19-24 and 28-55 are now pending, of which claims 1, 14, 20, 21 and 44 are independent. In response to the non-final Office action of September 7, 2005, claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 14, 15, 19-23 and 44 were amended, claim 55 was added, and claims 13, 16, 18 and 25-27 were cancelled.

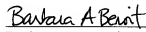
In response to the one-month Office action of May 15, 2006, applicant has revised the "Amendments to the Claims" section to reflect accurately the status of each claim. In particular, applicant has identified the amended portion of claim 23. Applicant believes this brings the amendment into compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

No fee is believed due. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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